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Subject: QA Issues/Comments
Attachments: QA Comments_Libby Site-wide QAPP_EPAChecklist_03-02-12.docx

Victor, Please see Linda's comment below in response to my question regarding the Libby site-wide QAPP.

Thanks,
Steve

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To: Steve Wharton/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jeff Pritt/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/09/2012 01:15 PM
Subject: Re: Questions

Hi Steve -

Please see my answers **in blue**.

I'd be happy to discuss with you.

LindaH.

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From: Steve Wharton/R8/USEPA/US
To: Linda Himmelbauer/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/09/2012 11:59 AM
Subject: Questions

Linda, Victor pushed back our call to 10:30, and I just finished with him, so I'll go ahead and send you my questions

and hopefully we can catch up later today.

1) Vasquez Boulevard-Interstate 70 (VB/I-70): We will be initiating a new phase of remedial action at this site to clean up smelter related wastes from residential yards. We will be utilizing the Army Corps of Engineers through an Interagency Agreement to perform the work, which will include XRF and soil sampling for metals prior to initiating removal and restoration activities. We have an existing QAPP from the Corps from earlier phases of this same work, and **we need to find out the level of review required for this QAPP and the time frame for completing this review.** We would like to initiate the XRF and soil sampling activities as early as possible during this upcoming field season.

IAs require approved QAPPs for data collection/generation. If you send us the QAPP, we'd be happy to review. Depending on the scope of the project, it will take us about 2-4 weeks to review/approve. Please keep in mind that QA documents for IAs must be approved by the QA program (that is, it is not part of the delegated approval authority).

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From: Linda Himmelbauer/R8/USEPA/US

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Subject: Fw: QA Comments on Libby Site-Wide QAPP

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Date: 03/02/2012 12:29 PM
Subject: QA Comments on Libby Site-Wide QAPP

Hi Dania -

QA has completed our review of the **Draft Site-Wide Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site Libby, Montana.**

It is our understanding that you will be the QA Approving Official for the QAPP.



QA

Comments_Libb...

There are some key items that must be addressed by the contractor before the QAPP is approvable:

Overall, the QAPP is incomplete. It does not meet the Agency QA Requirements for a QAPP, SAP, or FSP. Each project-planning element in the review crosswalk must be described before finalization and approval of this document as a QAPP.

The QAPP (and SAPs) must address and comply with the following EPA Policies:

- a. National Geospatial Data Policy (CIO 2131.0), including identifying the appropriate criteria [Tier level(s)] for this project, and
- b. Policy to Assure Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data Under Agency-Funded Acquisitions

The Policy to Assure Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data Under Agency-Funded Acquisitions can be found here: <http://www.epa.gov/fem/pdfs/fem-lab-competency-policy.pdf>

Jeff Pritt was the lead QA Reviewer.

please let us know if you have any questions.

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